

Wakefield High Jubilant After Upset of Generals

NORTHERN VIRGINIA LEAGUE STANDINGS (Group I)

	W.	L.		W.	L.
George Wash.	4	0	Fairfax	1	2
Wakefield	4	1	Mount Vernon	1	2
Wash.-Lee	3	1	Annandale	0	5
Falls Church	2	2			

By BOB HANSON

There was dancing in the streets around Wakefield High in Arlington late yesterday afternoon.

Not literally, but it was a jubilant student body that greeted the Wakefield team at the school after the Warriors humiliated their North Side rival, Washington-Lee, with a 19-7 upset victory before some 6,000 wildly cheering fans at W-L's stadium.

The South Side school, only three years old and playing in Group I this season for the first time, had been building up for just such a victory. Not that even its staunchest supporters thought it would succeed, but there was always that possibility.

Before the season started, Coach Dick (Tank) Johnson of Wakefield was quoted as saying he realized the big step the team was taking from Group II to Group I; that they would be in faster company, but that he sincerely believed they would do all right and a few teams would be surprised.

Hill Comes Into Own

Two of them have been surprised. First it was George Washington, three weeks ago, that was hard pressed to get a 14-6 victory after trailing 6-0 at the half. Yesterday it was W-L.

One of the problems besetting Johnson and his aides before the season was finding a suitable quarterback, a problem that had been unsolved in the two previous years. They settled on Nolan Hill, 6-foot-1 175-pound senior. Against W-L he came into his own.

"Our scouting reports on Washington-Lee in earlier games had shown them to have a pass defense weakness in certain situations," Johnson said. "We thought we could pick up our offense somewhat by going to the air, consequently we passed more today than in any previous game this season."

Hill attempted 19 passes. He completed 8, one for a touchdown, for a total of 79 yards. Two were intercepted.

The first of the two intercep-

tions led to the Generals' only touchdown, shortly after the first period got under way. Halfback Kirk Woolley grabbed it on the Wakefield 28. It took but three plays for Co-Captain Dave Leffler to carry over from 6 yards out. Wayne Ballard converted. It was Loffler's eighth touchdown of the season and gave him the lead for his team.

Warriors Bounce Back

The Warriors bounced back in the next period, following a W-L punt. Starting from its own 33, Wakefield scored six plays later on a Hill to End Frank Stevens pass from the 5. A bad pass from center prevented a conversion attempt and Wakefield trailed at the half, 7-6.

After a scoreless third quarter, Wakefield hit for two quick touchdowns in the late minutes of the fourth period.

The turning point of the game came just after the period started. A high pass from center prevented Wakefield's Don Gardiner from punting on fourth down. He covered the ball on his own 20 and W-L took over.

In two tries, the Generals got within inches of a first down. Then Wakefield, with a 9-man line stacked for the inevitable push at the middle, repulsed first Dennis Damon and then Gene Sherman in a terrific defensive stand to gain the ball on downs.

The Warriors, unable to gain, punted. Bob Short fumbled for W-L and Whitey Edwards recovered for Wakefield on his own 40. From there the Warriors marched 60 yards for the score, Gardiner plunging over from the 5. Gardiner's missed conversion attempt at that stage was anticlimactic.

Gardiner converted to give him a total of 66 points for the season, high on his team.

Calls It Team Victory

The Generals, unable to penetrate Wakefield's defense following the kickoff, surrendered the ball on their own 15 and three plays later, with 25 seconds left to play, Edwards crashed over from the 5. Gardiner's missed conversion attempt at that stage was anticlimactic.

As Johnson and his staff said after the game, it was a team victory, but the signal calling of Hill and the line play, particularly Guard Al Baldwin, stood out.

The victory gave Wakefield an 8-1 season record with one game remaining, against Loudoun County next Saturday. W-L, which scored an upset victory itself last Saturday against previously unbeaten Thomas Jefferson at Richmond, now has a 5-4 record. The Generals have one game remaining, against GW at Alexandria Thanksgiving Day in the annual Old Oaken Bucket series between the two schools.